

FYI The following article appeared in Al Misri newspaper on November 9th 1948: "No danger to Egypt in the Coming War. Plan from Cyprus, Turkey and Greece protect Egypt from atomic raids".

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There is now no doubt that Great Britain is officially arming herself and preparing for a war which is feared will break out next April, or at the latest in September 1949, as is evident from fast preparations to complete the program for armament despite Britain's financial crisis. This is indicated by the activities of British dockyards of the Ministry of Navy which have begun to repair the old warships of the reserve Fleet and their equipment with new, secret weapons, in addition to new warships which are under construction. The dockyards have received orders to complete all the before April 1949. All orders for construction of private ships have been cancelled.

But military circles of London believe that Egypt will not be in danger in the next world war, since British forces are no longer stationed in Egyptian interior cities as during the last war and the airlines which have been established and are being completed in Turkey, Greece and Cyprus will be able to protect Egypt from possible atomic raids. Besides the warring nations are now spending millions on making an atomic bomb, and it is not logical therefore to spend such huge amount of money on atomic bomb in order to use it on some innocent Egyptian cities whose existence or destruction does not alter the fate of the war.

FORTIFICATION OF CYPRUS BASES

The British conservative newspaper Empire News published a report of its Cyprus correspondent in which it is stated that work is carried out in great speed in order to turn it into a new air base for British and American air forces of this zone. The British and

air forces. It can take large number of planes of projectile bombers which move by air current. The American authorities have established a powerful secret receiving station in an isolated village to receive broadcasts from various countries of the world. This village is situated on (Kyrinia) mountain. The object of these stations is to listen to various broadcasts coming from Eastern Europe. The British also have already established similar stations in southern Cyprus.

Then the correspondent points out the strategical importance of Cyprus for Western powers in the future as it was in the past. He goes on to say that this island has now become of great importance in this present century, and this is why Britain is holding it and refuses to allow any amendment in its constitution despite dissatisfaction and political disturbances which have broken out in the island for a long time.

The newspaper then mentions the traditional seacoast lines of Turco-Egypt route which invaders have followed in the East to reach the Nile Valley. But Cyprus island is in such a situation that can enable her to threaten any force advancing along this line towards Egypt which is separated by only 200 miles distance from the sea which can protect Egypt from invaders offensive. The bombers situated in this island can chase and attack the invaders during all phases of the war.

The newspaper concluded by saying that in case of an outbreak of war Cyprus will resemble a huge Anglo-American plane carrier for the Near East and will back British forces of Fayid which is situated in the South 350 miles away from Cyprus.
